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## New beginnings...



Dr. Justin Cooper  
President

A new academic year, a new charter, a new publication! This is a time of excitement at Redeemer College as we experience these new beginnings. The Lord has richly blessed us and so we have cause to celebrate. In fact, Scripture enjoins us to celebrate the gifts which the Lord bestows. That is just what we did together at a Special Convocation held Sept. 8 to open the academic year and give thanks for our charter amendment. We were joined by a number of guests, including the Minister of Education, the Honourable Dave Johnson, in a wonderful evening of thanksgiving and praise.

A new academic year always brings with it a good deal of energy as students return to their studies and new students join the academic community. Everyone is full of anticipation, eager to plunge into new courses and pursuits, to see their friends and to make new acquaintances. The students' return also energizes us, since training these potential Christian leaders is the heart of our mission and purpose as an institution. What a privilege it is for us to have a hand in shaping their vision and sense of vocation.

Adding to the sense of excitement our students experienced were renovations we completed in our academic, athletic and residence facilities and by improvements to our resources for information technology in our library, computer lab, classrooms and campus network. We are now a wired campus, meaning that the aca-

demic building and residences are all connected by a campus network, allowing students access to campus information, e-mail and the internet from their rooms in the residences. We are committed to ensuring that we give our students the quality they deserve, which includes these kinds of improvements. It was very satisfying to be able to complete a number of these projects over the course of the summer.

Our cause for celebration has been heightened by the amazing reality of our charter amendment. This is a breakthrough of historic proportions, the magnitude of which hasn't really sunk in yet! Having public recognition and university degree granting status will certainly launch the college into a new phase of expansion and open up new opportunities for development. The potential for an increased witness for Christian higher education in this province and beyond is considerable. In a very real sense we stand at a new beginning in the life and development of Redeemer College as an institution of Christian higher learning.

As the only privately funded, Christian liberal arts and science university in Ontario, we are certain that, with the Lord's blessing, Redeemer will make a significant impact on the provincial scene and beyond. It will, however, take some time before we have an indication of the full extent of what the Lord has in mind for us. We hope to be able to serve a larger number of students with a quality

Christian university program. This increase in enrolment will, in turn, open up other possibilities to enhance the way we carry out our mission and eventually create a need to further expand our facilities. Partnerships with other institutions may also be an avenue of meeting additional educational needs.

Whatever growth we do experience, we will continue to emphasize quality and standards on the one hand, and a grounding in Scripture and the cosmic scope of Christ's redemption, on the other. As we celebrate new beginnings, we will continue to hold fast to this basis, for this is our true accreditation and gives meaning and direction to everything we do. Guided by this fundamental orientation, we will continue to prosper in whatever endeavours we are led to undertake.

Finally, as a means of expressing this new status and potential, we have decided to renew the visual image of Redeemer College, including a new format for our regular news and information publication, which will now be called *Images*. This is yet another new beginning which we trust you will enjoy, as you see the fresh new look of this publication. More importantly, as you read the news it brings, we hope you will be inspired by the things which the Lord enables us to do in this centre of learning which is dedicated to His service.

Please join us in returning thanks to the Lord for these gifts of new beginnings at Redeemer College.



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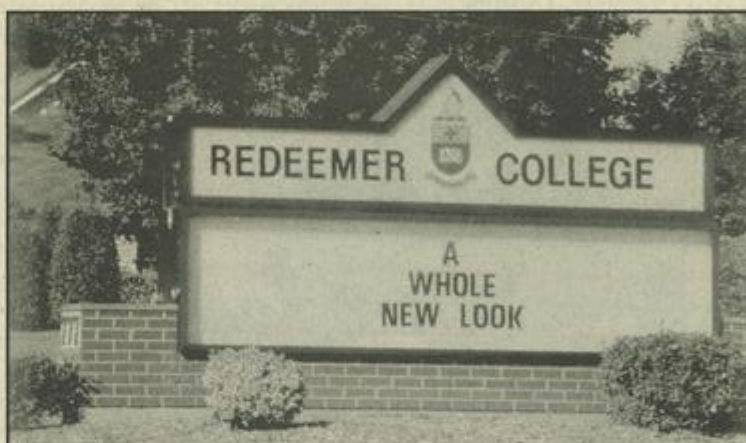
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**COVER:**

The newly-renovated sign at the front entrance to the Redeemer College campus displays an appropriate phrase for many facets of the institution: a new degree, new technological advancements, a new publication and, coming soon, a new corporate image.

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# Images puts on a new face

Welcome to the new *Images*. After years of having two publications—*Reflections* for the general supporting community of the college, and *Images* for the college's alumni—the Community and Media Relations Department and the Alumni Board have decided to merge the two so that all of the constituencies of the college can be served by one newsletter.

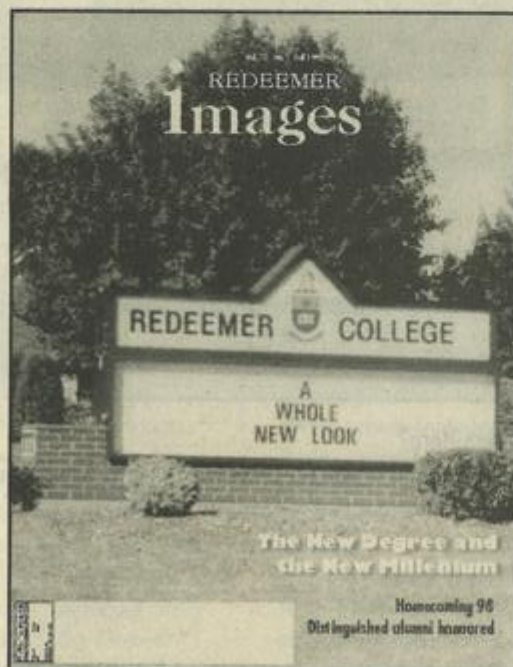
Although alumni have been receiving *Reflections* with their *Images* for the last number of years, there were many friends of the college who have expressed an interest in hearing about how their support has made an impact in the lives of students. For it is certainly the students—those future alumni—who continue to benefit the most from the years of faithful giving of the college's support community. And, as hopefully all will see in the pages of this newsletter and

firsthand in each community, Redeemer alumni have become Christian leaders and servants in the communities that supported them as students. Whether as doctors or teachers, housekeepers or preachers, Redeemer alumni have taken to heart the motto "Learning is for Serving."

The new, expanded, *Images* will be published three times per year, and will feature both college and alumni news. Each issue will also have a cover story, examining a topic of general interest to the college, and a personal, reflective column on a subject more directly related to alumni. In this issue, both the cover story and the Looking Back section explore the college's charter change.

Please let us know how we are doing with this new *Images*. As with every aspect of Redeemer College, we

need the ongoing support, encouragement, and constructive criticism of all aspects of our community of Christian higher education supporters.



## — m a i l B O X —

**Dear Reader:** Thanks for picking up the new edition of *Images*, the alumni and community magazine of Redeemer College. Please let us know what you think of the new format as well as your thoughts on the articles inside.

We encourage your feedback in any way. If you choose to write a letter to the

editor, please keep it to a maximum of 200 words in length. Letters can be mailed or e-mailed to the appropriate addresses on page 3. We thank you for your suggestions and comments as we continually strive to serve you, the readership, in the best possible way.

--The Editors

## COMING EVENTS

### Inauguration: Jim Payton

Promoted to full professor of history at Redeemer, Dr. James R. Payton Jr., will give his inaugural address. Friday, Nov. 6, 98 - 8 p.m. Redeemer College Auditorium Free

### Main Stage Play: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

The Theatre Arts Department will be performing this Oscar Wilde classic as its main production this fall. Nov. 26-28, 1998 - 8 p.m. (Preview: Nov. 24 - 8 p.m.) (Matinee: Nov. 25 - 12 p.m.) Redeemer College Auditorium \$10 gen.; \$8 sr/stud +tax; \$5 preview, matinee.

### Christmas Choral Concert

The annual Christmas Concert will again feature the critically-acclaimed voices of the Redeemer College Concert Choir, with works by G. F. Handel and more. Friday, Dec. 4, 1998 - 8 p.m. Redeemer College Auditorium \$12 gen.; \$10 sr/stud. +tax.

### NEXT SEMESTER:

#### Art Exhibition--Matth Cupido

Matth Cupido is spending this academic year as Artist-in-Residence at Redeemer. Having already presented *Job: Companion of God* in the fall, Cupido will be creating *The Stations of the Cross* to be exhibited in the spring. Opening: Apr. 1, 99 - 8 p.m. Redeemer College Art Gallery Free. (The show continues to Apr. 17)

#### Choir Tour's Home Concert

Feb. 28, 1999

#### Main Stage Play

Mar. 23-27, 1999



# Enrolment increases

First-year students feeling at home

By Charity Farenhorst

Redeemer College faculty and staff welcomed about 500 students to campus again this September, the second straight year that enrolment has increased.

According to the registrar, 496 full and part-time students from 30 denominations, 12 countries and six provinces are taking courses this fall for a full-

time equivalent of 468. That represents a five per cent increase from last year, which is largely attributed to stronger recruiting efforts. While there was some interest shown by potential students because of the charter amendment enabling the college to grant bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees, the school's recruitment team believes the impact will be stronger next September.

Also on the rise is the number of students in housing. Redeemer's dorms are full to capacity with 310 students staying on campus this year, up from 290 a year ago.

The freshmen class makes up about 32% of the total student body and many are already starting to feel at home at Redeemer.

"I'm extremely glad to be here," said Anita Brinkman, a first-year student from Chatham, Ontario. "I love the close community and the fact that people are comfortable with being themselves and still being accepted here. I really appreciate the God-centred atmosphere."

Brinkman hopes to major in theatre arts and has already been cast in a role in Redeemer's fall main stage production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Leah Smart, another first-year student, was full of anticipation about coming to school this year and she immediately felt right at home. "I want to thank the Student Life department for putting people with similar interests together in the same dorm," Smart said. "I think that made a big difference for me in adjusting to college life."



PHOTO BY CAROLYN MOUNT

**GIDDY-UP:** First-year students participate in the FROG games as part of Orientation Week at Redeemer.



PHOTO BY DAVID RAAKMAN

**BILL Pr17 PRESENTED:** The Honourable Dave Johnson (left) presents the bill which amended Redeemer's charter to grant BA and BSc degrees to Justin Cooper and Ben Harsevoort at the special convocation, Sept. 8 at the college.

## An evening of celebration

Redeemer College's opening convocation was extra special this year. Not only did the Sept. 8 gathering mark the start of the school's 17th academic year, but the college community—students, alumni, supporters, employees and friends—gathered together to celebrate the charter amendment enabling the college to grant bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees to its students.

Honoured guests from the political and academic fields took part in the program which was highlighted by the presentation of Bill Pr17 by the Honourable Dave Johnson, Minister of Education, to Justin Cooper and Ben Harsevoort, college president and board chair, respectively.

In his convocation address entitled "Vision, Accreditation and Academic Vocation," Cooper spoke about the effect the charter amendment will have on the future of the college and its students.

"[Our] institutional identity crisis is finally over," he said. "For you as students, you will now receive the proper academic credential and public recognition for the kind of academic program you complete. There is greater fairness and justice for you as you go into the world of employment and further study."

Earlier in the evening, the audience burst into a rousing applause at the conclusion of Brenda Heyink's speech. The Student Senate president gave heart-felt testimony to God's working through the charter change process and to the power of prayer.

"This campus has become a place of prayer and God is doing amazing things here," Heyink said. "I want to ask you to pray for us—the students, the faculty and staff—and for this college, because this charter change is proof that God hears and answers prayers."

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# Pascal Centre, Redeemer host world scholars

By Dr. Kevin VanderMeulen

During the week of July 20, 1998, the Pascal Centre for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science hosted a conference at Redeemer College entitled *Science in Theistic Contexts: Cognitive Dimensions*.

The conference brought together scholars from our sister institutions such as Calvin College, Dordt College, Covenant College, the Institute for Christian Studies and The King's University College.

As well, more than 80 scientists, mathematicians, philosophers and historians of science arrived from Great Britain, Russia, Pakistan, India, Switzerland, Malaysia, Germany, South Africa, Holland, Israel, the USA and of course Canada.

The purpose of the conference was to obtain historical

case studies to demonstrate how theistic beliefs can affect science and mathematics.

The Pascal Centre plans to publish two volumes which compile the best articles presented at the conference and hopes that some of the case studies will be used by professors in their teaching.

This conference is the second international conference that Redeemer College has hosted with the Pascal Centre.

The first conference occurred six years ago and the results of the conference were recorded in four volumes entitled, *Facets of Faith and Science*, edited by Dr. J. M. van der Meer. They have been well received with four of the included papers receiving awards from the John Templeton Foundation. The soft cover editions have been sold out.



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Dr. John Brooke of England speaks during a round-table discussion at the second Pascal Centre conference for faith and science held at Redeemer College, July 21-25, 1998.

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## Requests about bequests

By Ben Stegeman

During this past year a growing number of supporters have used the services of our Planned Giving Director. Often questions have centred on bequests. How can we best remember Redeemer in our wills? Are there special areas of need? Can I leave funds for a scholarship?

There are many ways that you can help ensure a sound fiscal future for the college. To help you consider some ideas and options available to you, we are preparing some information booklets about common ways to make charitable gifts, and the different tax advantages each offers.

We would be pleased to work with you to arrange a planned gift that suits your financial plan. Whatever method you choose, it is crucial that you

take into account all aspects of your gift. To that end we encourage you to consult your lawyer/accountant/financial planner before finalizing a planned gift.

We thank God for the many members and friends who have already made provision for the college in their wills or other financial plans and have been added to our growing 'deferred giving' list. To learn about contributing to Redeemer's long term financial well-being, call Ben Stegeman at 1-800-263-6467, ext. 205.

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# Sinnema experiences the French culture

Redeemer student achieves goal of playing organ while studying in Paris

By Charity Farenhorst

For six months during the 1997-98 school year, Redeemer student Heather Sinnema lived and studied in France. She even had the opportunity to play the organ while she was there.

Sinnema studied at The Sorbonne, a university in Paris, for five months and then travelled around Europe before returning home. The courses she took there will enable her to graduate with an Honours French major.



**CATHEDRAL-SIZE ORGAN:** Sinnema played this organ at La Chapelle Royale in France.

Louvre, Rodin Museum, Picasso Museum and Orangerie; her "History of Modern French Art" course enabled her to tour seven museums, another advantage of the Redeemer in France program. She also enjoyed the privilege of attending a reading by Canadian author Margaret Atwood, who was touring France promoting a new novel.

Sinnema loves to play the organ and was determined to play at least once during her time in France. While visiting an old church one Sunday, a beautiful instrument caught her attention and she asked the organist if she could play it. The man turned out to be Michel Chapuis, the very composer Sinnema wished to play. Unable to grant her request that evening Chapuis made her an extraordinary offer: "Come to Versailles," she recalls him saying. "He was the court organist at La Chapelle Royale. So I went the following week and was allowed to sit with him during evening mass and then afterwards I played the organ."

Sinnema loved her time in France and greatly commends Redeemer professor Thea van Til Rusthoven for preparing her students so well for their time abroad. She also praised Redeemer for the clear Christian perspective from which everything is taught.

While in France, Sinnema lived on the seventh floor of an apartment building and had to use a rickety, old elevator to reach her tiny room--a *chambre de bonne*, or maid's room. She had a sink, hotplate and small fridge in the room, but she had to share a bathroom with everyone on the same floor. Although her accommodations were not the greatest, they were situated in a wonderful cultural area--close to the Rodin Museum and the Eiffel Tower.

In fact, during her stay there, Sinnema soaked in the cultural sights. She visited the



**CULTURAL SURROUNDINGS:** Heather Sinnema poses in a beautiful garden with *Le Penseur* and *Les Invalides*.

"I found one of her hardest yet most rewarding challenges was being able to know how to respond with different issues in my classes," Sinnema said. "Many of my courses were taught by atheists--some very critical of the Christian faith--and when I was confronted with these difficult issues, my Redeemer education helped me to clearly see how God fit into what I was learning."

Being independent and away from the close-knit Redeemer community also forced Sinnema to discipline herself with respect to devotions and other choices--for there was really no one to hold her directly accountable. She learned to become completely dependent on her heavenly Father.

"One of the most meaningful experiences for me during my time in France was the blessing of being able to communicate with other people and God in a foreign language and to realize that God is present everywhere and in every tongue," she said.

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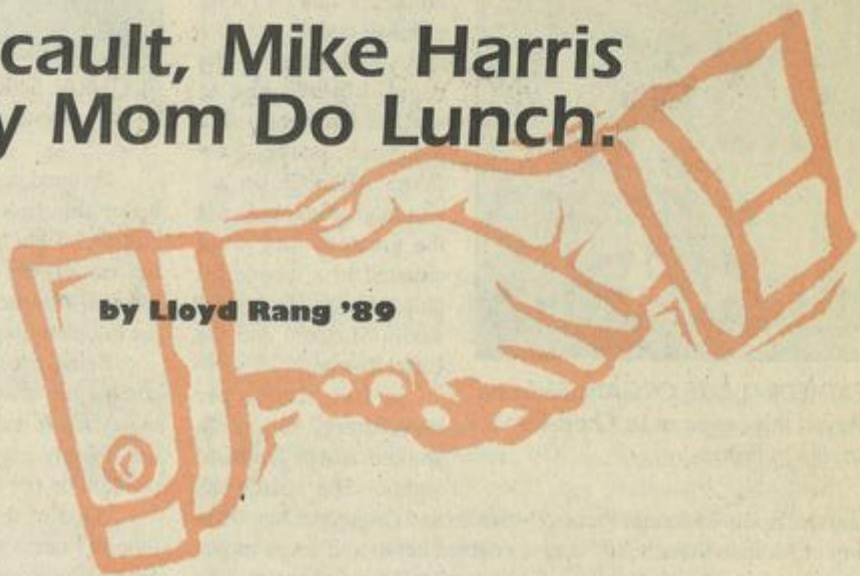
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# BA and Common Sense:

Michel Foucault, Mike Harris  
and My Mom Do Lunch.

by Lloyd Rang '89



**M**y mom, to the best of my knowledge, has never been a big reader of late twentieth-century French philosophy. I've seen her with the occasional Dutch-language mystery novel or Christian romance novel (which is similar to the secular romance novel but with more clothing on the cover), but I've never seen my mom with books by Lacan, Baudrillard or Foucault. But, without being French or a philosopher, she always managed to be philosophical.

Besides the usual slate of Dutch aphorisms (*de appel valt niet ver van de boom* [an apple doesn't fall far from the tree], *doe gewoon dan doe je gek genoeg* [act normal, that's strange enough] and a few others that are best left out of polite conversation) she employed one expression to devastating effect. Whether I was making sand castles in

kitty's litter box, playing TV repairman with a ball-peen hammer or simply raiding my sister's coin collection for Dickie-Dee money, my mom's response (looming over me, finger wagging) was always the same. "*Mensen lievert*, Lloyd: use your common sense!"

If I had any, would I have played parachute with the guinea pig? Of course I had no common sense. No one does, at first. Common sense is something you learn, something another person helps you to define. In my experience, this happens only AFTER you've gotten your tongue stuck on something, your hair singed or your stom-

ach pumped.

In his book *Madness and Civilization*, the French intellectual Michel Foucault talks about people like me--the "common senseless" if you will. He says that cultures determine common sense first by allowing someone in power (like my mom) to define it. Their followers (or children) go out and teach other people what it is. But current "common sense" bears little or no resem-





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ger in the air, "why should Redeemer students get such a funny degree and then have a hard time getting jobs? *Wat de boer niet kent, dat eet hij niet* [what the farmer doesn't find familiar, he doesn't eat]. Ter-

rible discrimination against Christian education, that BCS." Harris would harumph, dab the hamburger grease from his lips with a King peppermint-scented Kleenex from the bottom of my mom's purse and admit that, while overdue and well-earned, the charter change fit well with his government's long-term plan to open up higher education to private interests--as has been the case in other economic sectors. Nursing a glass of contraband Merlot, Foucault would peer suspiciously over its rim, watching the struggle to define the significance of terms. He would also be afraid of my mom and would say nothing.

The question of who controls which words we can use and what they signify was at the heart of the issue for Redeemer this past summer. In a way, it still is. Now that the BA and the charter change are in place, who gets to define the significance of the BA for Redeemer? Is it the provincial government, who can now hold up Redeemer as a successful, cost-effective private university and use the school as a stick to force public universities into spending funds the common sense way? Is it the 1998 version of the Redeemer community in Ancaster, who sees in the charter change a victory of identity and faith; does the community get to define what the new degree means? Or does the definition come from elsewhere--a place beyond the institutions on Highway 53 and at Queen's Park? I think it does. I think that the significance of the new degree will play itself out in what Redeemer's alumni do with it. This was certainly the case with the old BCS.

A friend of mine, when she was inter-

blance to the "common sense" of times past.

During the Renaissance, for example, the experts in psychology surmised that madness was related to the sea somehow. One "common sense" way of dealing with the mentally ill was to have the townspeople round up all the madmen and herd them into ships--the origin of the modern term "ship of fools." It's doubtful that this cured anyone of mental illness, but it did make "sense." Some other authority later dismissed this approach as "nonsense" and the asylum was born. And so it goes.

You can bet that when Mike Harris' Conservatives chose to call their political platform the "Common Sense Revolution" they knew what they were doing. It was as if they were saying that common sense had been missing in Ontario, they had it, and would give it back if elected. (With all the "impractical" voters stuck by their tongues to iron fenceposts, victory was assured). So now, where it once referred to a ship of fools, "common sense" has come to mean a specific economic platform that includes downsizing the public sector [layoffs], bu-

reaucratic efficiency and tax-cutting. In short, like Foucault and my mom, former teacher-turned-golf-pro-turned-premier Mike Harris knows a thing or two about the power of words.

This is why it is not difficult for me to imagine the three of them--Foucault, Harris and mom--all sitting down to lunch at the Redeemer College cafeteria. They'd be discussing the meaning of the college's new charter.

For years, the degree earned by Redeemer grads was the BCS or "bachelor of Christian studies." Because of restrictions in its charter (in effect the college's license to operate a school, a document given to them by the provincial government), Redeemer was not allowed to give BA (bachelor of arts) or BSc (bachelor of science) degrees like other Canadian universities. This past summer, the college got what was long overdue--the right to call the BCS a BA or BSc.

My mom, munching on the corner of a *gebakje*, would call this "common sense." "After all," she would say, wagging her fin-



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her degree. It had nothing to do with job fitness and everything to do with terminology. People outside Redeemer had never heard of the term "BCS," though the "BA" is an established degree with a long history. That discursive hurdle is too bad for the businesses that didn't hire my friend. She's an excellent businesswoman and her performance makes her employer very happy (and more profitable). Her degree—those three funny letters that are often taken for a dyslexic science degree or (as is printed on my teaching certificate) a "bachelor of child studies"—is irrelevant now. She's a great employee and embodies the credo "learning is for serving" in everything she does.

Redeemer College's 1999 graduating class will not have to define the BCS to others—no one will ask them what "BA" means. For once, our students can put those two letters on their vita without stretching the truth. They may have to explain *where* Redeemer is, even *what* it is, but not what its standards are. God's blessings, a cooperative provincial government and the vision of college leaders and supporters have all made things simpler for our alumni. But the definition of Redeemer's BA, the significance of the letters—this is not conferred along with the degree.

viewed for her present job, spent five minutes of her employer's time explaining that a "BCS" was just like a "BA" (only it wasn't called that) and was a university degree (from a college). Now, while terminological hairsplitting and equivocation might make for interesting American courtroom drama, it doesn't play well in an interview. Though she eventually got the job, my friend received many a rejection letter from businesses who didn't recognize

Again, what the BA means will be decided by what gets done with it.

An educational institution's reputation is partially created by the way the campus looks. Most Canadian universities are pretty cool looking and have idiosyncratic, distinguishing characteristics. UNB is modeled after a design by Thomas Jefferson and overlooks the St. John River. Guelph has the oft-painted cannon "Old Jeremiah." Trent could have sprung straight out of the '70s sci-fi series *Logan's Run*. Queen's is all limestone, vines and trees and fairly reeks of wealth and privilege. Yet the site of a university is meaningless without students. Trent without its legions of liberal-leaning hippie wannabes, Queen's without its uppity Upper Canadians, or Guelph without its salt-of-the-earth farmers would just be concrete crusts on the provincial landscape. In short, it is the students who dictate what it means to have a degree from those schools.

Likewise Redeemer.

Pausing for a moment, think about what God has allowed Redeemer students to do. Some early students were literal campus-builders. They swung hammers, drove backhoes and laid conduit around the campus; theirs is a curious intimacy with the buildings and grounds.

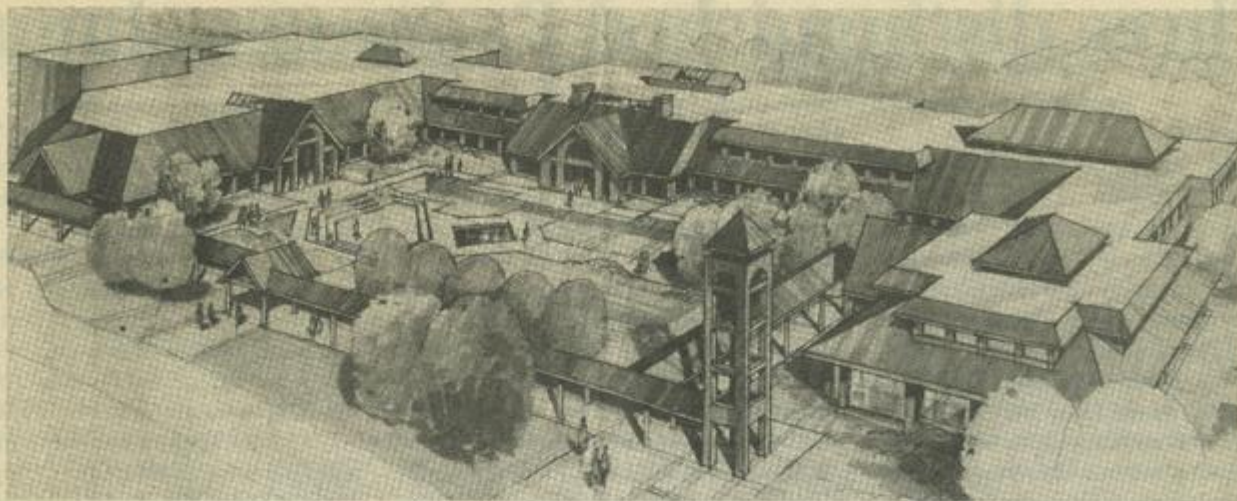
Other students established sports teams and Student Life programs, began the student newspaper *The Crown*, created and ran student government and volunteered for various off-campus organizations; they feel protective of Redeemer's campus culture. Some alumni have gone on to do amazing things as professionals, academics, pastors, parents, artists, and athletes; they

have developed gifts nurtured by their school. Redeemer's BCS students are a dedicated and blessed bunch. Redeemer's 1999 graduates will have to be all of those things—but they do so without the BCS distinction and all that it has come to signify.

As we head into the next millenium, Redeemer College has a







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number of key tasks ahead. The charter change, combined with a falling Canadian dollar and rising tuition rates in other universities, should be sufficient to entice new students. How many? Good question. Are we satisfied with 500 students? 1,000? 3,000? What should our goal be? How do we reach it? Such a question was like science fiction a decade ago but seems possible now. Within 10-20 years, it is likely that the student population at Redeemer will double. Perhaps several

times. Can you imagine what the campus may look like? Library buildings, a separate gym, student apartment complexes—maybe even another campus on the North side of a burgeoning Ancaster? It's possible. And this process will accelerate if Redeemer alumni find themselves in high profile positions in business, science, law, education and church life and if what they do in those positions is seen as professional and God-fearing work.

This is key. For Redeemer's BA to be significant it cannot merely be a tool used to advance one's career. The students who hold this degree must live out the notion of service in all areas of their lives. The college motto is not "learning is for self-serving." It is not "learning is for earning." The ideals of Christian service suggest that we be excellent in our professional duties but also that we show compassion, do justice, walk in humility with our God. It is a paradox: take pride in your work but maintain a humble heart. Nevertheless, it is necessary.

Author Elie Wiesel has noted that his experience of God comes entirely from others—God makes himself known to us by his actions in fellow people. This should motivate us to analyse our actions, and be thankful that God led us to be educated in a place that prompts us to show Christ's face in every aspect of our lives. Redeemer's promotion of Christian ideals makes it a wonderful aberration in an academic landscape dotted by football schools, elitist MBA programs and the general malaise of postmodern relativism. For us, Christian practice and scholarship must run counter to the "common sense" of the age. However, if Redeemer's alumni do not live out their calling, if they prevent others from encountering God through them, then "Learning is For Serving" might as well just be some slogan used in the "How to Play Tennis Like Pete Sampras" video. Without hard work and a continued love of learning on the part of students past and present, a BA, BSc or BCS from Redeemer College will mean nothing.

So here we are, back in the cafeteria. The year is indeterminate—but we are definitely into the new millennium. Former groundskeeper Peter (Hogie) Hoogendam jets by the window in a hovercraft. Androids mop the floor. President Jackie (Wak) DeWeerd (BCS/BCed '93) sprints in carrying a squash racquet. She orders a decaf-latte at the counter.

At a second-floor table, my mom is picking lint from the former premier's suit jacket. Harris is enjoying his second burger and has ordered some spicy fries. Foucault puts his cafeteria-issue wine glass down on the day's edition of *The Globe and Mail*. A stain—a red arc, like a rainbow—appears over the headline: "Redeemer University Graduate Student Develops Vaccine."

Foucault smiles.

Lloyd Rang is a Redeemer College graduate (BCS '89). He is a past Student Senate president, former Alumni Association president and co-founder with Richard Horlings (BCS '89) of *The Minstrel*, Redeemer's creative writing publication. He attended Queen's University (BEd '93, MA History '94) and is on sabbatical from Durham Christian High School while he completes an MA in Creative Writing and Literature at the University of Guelph. Lloyd has written for *The Globe and Mail*, is currently writing an article for *Adbusters Magazine* and a documentary for the CBC Radio One program "Out Front."





# Three distinguished Redeemer alumni

Recognition given to community leaders who graduated from Christian institutions

By Charity Farenhorst

The Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities recently honoured a number of graduates from various segments of the Christian higher education community with a "distinguished alumni" award.

These alumni were nominated for reflecting the mission statement of their respective universities and for being recognized leaders within some sector of society. Three Redeemer alumni were among those honoured: Dr. Maureen Elgersman, Michael Hoekstra, and Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat.

Originally from the Hamilton area, Maureen Elgersman attended Redeemer from 1987 to 1991, majoring in French and minoring in Psychology. She went on to Clark Atlanta University and graduated with a doctor of arts. She is presently Assistant Professor of History at the University of Southern Maine.

Elgersman is also currently finishing her first book which is entitled *Unyielding Spirits—Black Women and Slavery in Early Canada and Jamaica*.

"I am very enthusiastic about this project and I hope to begin work on compiling a list of entries for an encyclopedia dealing with Black Canada," Elgersman said.



Maureen Elgersman

She is also involved in a nation wide campaign to collect and store a permanent record of personal narratives from Canada's black community.

Elgersman felt that her years at Redeemer College greatly prepared her for what she went on to do. "The high academic standards forced me to work extremely hard," she said. "Redeemer also presented me with opportunities to explore the areas in which I was interested." She stresses the importance of viewing higher education as a privilege and to use the university experience to pursue that which you enjoy and to appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Michael Hoekstra, a 1987 Redeemer grad, now lives in Chatham, Ontario. Although he took pre-seminary courses while in college, he now works as a representative of the Christian Labour Association of Canada. He works with companies in order to implement Christian social principles in the work place. He is also a foster parent, and president of the Foster Parents Association of Kent county.

"I'm tickled pink," Hoekstra said about the recognition as a distinguished alumnus. He spoke highly of Redeemer and the Christian foundations the professors laid in a field generally devoid of a Christian perspective.



The Hoekstra family

"I find that particularly helpful now—in that labour relations are especially in need of a Christian influence," he said.

Now married and the proud father of four children, with one on the way, Hoekstra reflects fondly on his time at Redeemer. He encourages students now to enjoy their college years—to learn and soak up all the valuable information the professors are teaching.

Sylvia Keesmaat was one of the original graduates from Redeemer College. She attended during the school's pioneer days—from 1982 to 1986—finishing with her bachelor of Christian studies degree in religion and theology. She went on to get her doctorate from Oxford University and is currently senior member in biblical studies and hermeneutics at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto.



Sylvia Keesmaat

Keesmaat felt that her education at Redeemer provided her with a background to ask broader questions which would later find context in the wider area she currently studies. The biblical perspective present at Redeemer also helped in her involvement in *Jubilee 2000*, an international movement which is pushing for first world countries to forgive the massive debts of third world countries. She is part of the Theology Reflection Group active in the movement and the biblical reflection provides vision about how each individual could effectively do things differently.

"I think it's important to study something close to one's heart," Keesmaat said. "I enjoy teaching and find it exciting to help people discern how each particular text applies to current situations."

Keesmaat is now married and blessed with three children—one born just in August. "I am extremely honoured to receive this award," she said.

All three of Redeemer's distinguished alumni demonstrate a deep desire to serve God in their current vocation and are good stewards of the gifts the Lord has given them.

alumni PROFILE

If you know of something unique that Redeemer alumni are involved in, we'd like to hear about it.

Let us know by calling (905) 648-2131 x292 or e-mailing the info to [images@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:images@redeemer.on.ca)

It could just be the next image in *images*!



# Alumni appeal exceeds goal for second straight year

The Alumni Board is pleased to announce that for the second consecutive year, the Alumni Annual Appeal (AAA) has exceeded its target. More than \$4,100 has been donated by alumni to fund improvements to the academic building's centre foyer, surpassing the goal of \$4,000. The AAA, launched for the first time last year, is a fund-raising project designed by alumni and directed solely at alumni. In 1997, the appeal raised more than \$3,800



to enable the library to purchase two new computers dedicated to research by students and faculty. This year, the money will be used to install a much-needed sound system as well as new display cases for the centre foyer.

More than 65 alumni donated funds to the appeal, a response rate of higher than 7% of those who received the mailing. Members of every graduating class contributed to the project, with the Class of '87

having the highest average gift, and non-graduating alumni making the most donations (they are also the largest number of alumni). Twelve per cent of the Class of 1996 responded to the appeal, making it the most active.

The Alumni Board is very encouraged by these results, and is looking forward to preparing next year's appeal. The board gives thanks to the Lord for the way that He has blessed alumni with the resources to continue to support Redeemer College.

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## Alumni board welcomes new members

At the Alumni Association Annual Meeting, held during Homecoming '98, alumni thanked a number of retiring board members. Deanna van Dijk '91, Rob Janssens '93, and Ruth Ann Schuringa '89 have all served three-year terms as Members at Large on the board. Joy Miedema has also completed her term, having been on the Alumni Board for five years, including the last three as President. Even though they are officially finished with the board, almost all of them have agreed to help on other projects. The Alumni Association thanks all four for their faithful, dedicated service, and prays that they will continue to find ways to serve the Lord as they have over the last number of years.

Elections were held at Homecoming to fill the spots left

on the board by those retirements. The board thanks all those who accepted their nomination—it was a slate with one of the highest number of candidates in the association's history. After a run-off ballot to break a tie, the following alumni were elected to serve as Members at Large for a three-year term:

Darryl Beck (Business, '98), a Junior Accountant at Clavalves in Beamsville. As a Senate Vice-President, Darryl served as Senate's representative on the Alumni Board last year.

Arlene Heidbuurt (Psychology, '88), a Program Manager at Christian Horizons. Arlene lives in Hamilton.

David Van Belle (English/Theatre Arts, '93): Besides his involvement in Dry Bones and other theatre projects, David is currently working at the Chris-

### The 1998-99 Redeemer College Alumni Board of Directors

Mark Mantel '89 - Interim President  
Gary Miedema '93 - Secretary  
Al Bakker '90 - Alumni Rep to the Senate  
Sylvia Keesmaat '86 - Alumni Rep to the Board of Governors  
Mike Glockner '99 - Student Senate Rep\*  
Mike Bax '95 - Member at Large  
Darryl Beck '98 - Member at Large  
Gerald Bierling '86 - Member at Large  
Arlene Heidbuurt '88 - Member at Large  
Doreen VanderHeide '92 - Member at Large  
David Van Belle '93 - Member at Large  
Tim Wolfert '87 - Alumni and Community Relations Coordinator\*

\* non-voting

tian Reformed World Relief Committee office in Burlington.

The Alumni Board did not receive any nominations to replace Miedema as president for a three-year term. Current board Vice-President Mark Mantel '89 will serve as Interim President for this upcoming year.

The new Alumni Board met for the first time on Oct. 16, and

will meet throughout the year to plan activities that benefit both alumni and the college community. If you would like the board to address a particular issue, please talk to one of the members directly, or send your comments to the board in care of the Alumni Office at Redeemer College.

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# Alumni return for Homecoming 98

By Tim Wolfert '87

More than 70 alumni came back to Redeemer for at least part of Homecoming 98, including 20 of the 41 graduates from the Class of 1988. This year's alumni celebration, featuring the Class of '88, included a variety of different events, but also a lot of unscheduled time for chatting with old friends and classmates.

The day began with the Third Annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Old Course at Knollwood. John Vellinga '91 outshot 25 alumni and faculty to successfully defended the championship he won last year.

When alumni were asked what they wanted to see at Homecoming, faculty involvement was at the top of the list. This year, the Alumni Association was pleased and privileged to have quite a few faculty members involved during the day. Dr. and Mrs. Gary and Jennifer Chiang of the Biology Department led an interactive hike for alumni and their children through the Webster's Falls section of the Niagara Escarpment. Associate Professor of English Dr. Doug Loney gave a public reading of one of his original short stories.

A number of faculty and staff also joined alumni and their families for a barbecue dinner. Although a few people commented that September barbecues at Redeemer used to be on the beach (at the Beach Boulevard campus), all enjoyed coming back to Redeemer's campus again.

Singer/Songwriter Marvin Oldejans '88 provided the musical accompaniment. The evening was capped off by a production of Rex Deverell's *Boiler Room Suite* by the Dry Bones theatre company (see box at far right).

The Alumni Association will be putting a booklet together marking this day and the Class of '88. If you are a member of the Class of '88 and would still like to be a part of this project, send us a recent picture of yourself (and your family, if appropriate), let us know what you've been up to since leaving Redeemer, and tell us what your favourite memories of Redeemer are. Mail (pictures will be returned) to the Alumni Office at Redeemer as soon as possible. Booklets cost \$5, and will be mailed later this fall.

This year's activities were organized by a group of people from the Class of '88. Betty Broersma-Brouwer, Eunice Oldejans, Alumni Board President Joy Miedema and Alumni Board Vice-President Mark Mantel put in a lot of work planning the events, contacting alumni, and putting together the materials for this day. The Alumni Association and the Alumni Board of Directors thank them for their work in putting this day together.

And don't forget that Homecoming is an annual activity—we look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday, Sept. 18, as the Alumni Association and Redeemer College honour the Class of 1989.



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**KIDS EVERYWHERE:** Alumni and their children enjoy the evening barbecue dinner as part of Redeemer's Homecoming 98.



**A VERY PUBLIC READING:** The outdoors was a wonderful setting for Dr. Doug Loney's reading of his story "KJV."



**THE 19th HOLE:** Ron VanderHeide '93 (left), Harry Blyleven '93 and Mark Stegeman '93 share a few laughs in the clubhouse after the 18-hole course at Knollwood.





**PLAYIN' A TUNE:** Singer/songwriter Marvin Oldejans '88 played and sang some music during the Homecoming festivities.



**GOLFING BUDDIES:** Chris Vriend '88 (left), Al Bakker '90 and John Vellinga '91 display their hardware after the annual Alumni Golf Tournament to kick off Homecoming 98.



**FILL 'ER UP:** Members of Redeemer faculty and staff joined alumni and their families for the barbecue dinner at Homecoming.



**IN THE BOILER ROOM:** David VanBelle and Andrea VanderKooij play the principle characters in *Dry Bones'* inaugural production.

## *Dry Bones* has arisen

**H**omecoming 98 featured the closing night production of *Boiler Room Suite* by the Dry Bones Theatre Company.

Dry Bones Theatre is a group of Redeemer Alumni theatre artists, working and training as an ensemble, who share a common faith worldview, and who seek to explore innovative and engaging uses of the dramatic medium. They derive their name from a Scripture verse in Ezekiel: "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life'" (vs. 4,5).

*Boiler Room Suite*, by Canadian playwright Rex Deverell, featured David VanBelle '93 and Andrea

VanderKooij '97 as two of life's losers passing an evening huddled for warmth in the basement of a derelict prairie hotel. Together they act out their fantasies, trying to bring a little warmth and a little kindness into each other's lives. The play also featured Vaughn Gowling '98 as a janitor trying to evict, and understand, the two. *Boiler Room Suite* was directed by Joel Bootsma '96, featured a set designed by Chris Cuthill '96, and had production assistance from a host of other Redeemer alumni.

The Redeemer College Alumni Association is proud to have been able to help Dry Bones get off the ground with its inaugural production. The troupe is currently taking some well-deserved time off and is examining future possibilities. Watch *Images* for news on future productions. --TW

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# HOMECOMING 1999

## SEPTEMBER 18

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### redeemer alumni co-ed volleyball tournament

Saturday, January 16, 1999 at Redeemer College.  
Games start at 9 a.m.

Format of the tourney is dependent on number of teams entered. Six players on the floor per side (three men and three women), teams may have no more than three former varsity players.

Teams and players must be registered by Jan. 8, 1999. Submit the form below and cheque to:

Alumni Office c/o Redeemer College, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON, L9K 1J4.

Registering as: ☐ Team ☐ Individual player add name below

•individuals register now and pay when team is formed.

•for team registrations please complete the following:

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Players (and graduating year):  
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Teams: enclose cheque for \$50 payable to Redeemer College. Teams are not considered registered until money has been received.

## First alumni concert

The Redeemer College Alumni Choir put on its first concert on May 22 in the Redeemer Auditorium for an audience of about 300. The concert was part of Graduation Weekend and S.O.S. (Summer Orientation Session for incoming students) and, as Dr. Justin Cooper pointed out in his opening remarks, brought together three "generations" of students: alumni, grads and new students.

The audience was treated to a variety of choral pieces by Handel, Brahms, Lojeski and more as well as a piano solo by Fred DeHaan '92 and an organ solo by the choir conductor and mentor, Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen.

Special thanks to Christy Baker '92, who conducted several pieces, and led the choir through a season of rehearsals to prepare for the concert. DeHaan and Ruth Ann Schuringa '89 provided much-appreciated accompaniment.

If you are interested in joining the Alumni Choir and adding your voice to the group for the 1998-99 season, please respond to the note that was sent to all alumni earlier this month, or contact Heleen (Wolfert) Krzycki '90 at (416) 762-8429, or via e-mail: [heleen.krzycki@fidelity.com](mailto:heleen.krzycki@fidelity.com).

## Discussion group keeps alumni talking

Got something to say to alumni? Want to find out what other alumni are thinking? Join the Alumni LISTSERV Discussion group, an e-mail discussion forum for alumni of Redeemer College.

The LISTSERV is there to help former students keep in touch with the college and with fellow alumni. Although the college and the Alumni Association will provide some information (such as news releases, on-line articles found in *Images* and other Redeemer publications), it is primarily a vehicle to discuss issues that concern alumni of the college.

Recent conversations on the LISTSERV have focussed on such topics as working in Christian organizations, plans for a "wired campus" at Redeemer, and of course, degree retroactivity.

We hope that alumni will use the LISTSERV to provide some feedback on the activities of the college and the association, letting us know where and how we can improve. But you may also wish to post items like personal announcements, prayer concerns, requests for help in finding someone--anything that you think would be of interest to alumni.

To join the Alumni LISTSERV Discussion Group, send an e-mail message to: [majordomo@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:majordomo@redeemer.on.ca).

Leave the subject line blank, and in the message body type **subscribe alumni**. You will receive a message shortly thereafter with a welcome and further instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the moderator of the group at [wolfert@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:wolfert@redeemer.on.ca). See you soon in cyberspace!

## Get those creative juices flowing again

Redeemer students, past and present, have had an opportunity to publish pieces of their creative writing and artwork in *The Minstrel*. The Alumni Board would like to showcase the work of alumni in the same way. In September 1999, the board is planning to publish creative, original works by alumni in an anthology called *Eikon*.

Earlier this year, the board contacted a number of alumni who had contributed to *The Minstrel*, and found much interest in publishing a new collection of alumni stories, poetry, and art work. The board is now working on putting together an editorial team and in the meantime is requesting submissions. If you have a piece of creative writing or black and white artwork, we would encourage you to send it to be included in *Eikon*. Deadline for submission is April 30, 1999.

*Eikon* is set to be published in time for Homecoming 1999 (Sept. 18). Production values would be comparable to those found in *The Minstrel* (colour cover, professionally printed pages). Copies will be made available for a small fee, to help defray production costs, and would be mailed to all who would like a copy.

If you would like some more information, or would like to assist in putting *Eikon* together, please contact the Alumni Office at Redeemer College. Artwork and written pieces can also be forwarded to the Alumni Office by mail or e-mail ([alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca)). All pieces will be returned if requested.



## The history of Dr. Payton

Payton to give inaugural speech as full professor

As a means of celebrating the promotion to full professor of a member of its faculty, Redeemer College invites the community to campus for Dr. James R. Payton Jr.'s inaugural address on Friday, Nov. 6.

Entitled "From Byzantium to Bosnia: On The History of the 'Other' Europe," Dr. Payton's speech will touch on issues from one of his fields of expertise—Eastern European history.

Dr. Payton's own history at Redeemer College has been extensive. He began teaching in 1985 as assistant professor of history while also taking on the responsibilities of Academic Dean.

In 1988, he concentrated more fully on his duties as a faculty member and by 1991 was promoted to associate professor. In July 1998, he was promoted again—this time as full professor.

"It's an endorsement by my colleagues of the value and quality of the work I've done and am doing," Payton said of the promotion.

Payton's teaching experience is also wide-ranging. After receiving his bachelor of arts in

religion from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, he taught German for three years while working toward his master of arts in theology. He also taught part-time at Westminster Theology Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania after attaining his master of divinity and master of theology in Church History.

As a pastor, he served (taught) two congregations in Pennsylvania and Ontario while working toward his doctorate in The Intellectual History of Early Modern Europe from the University of Waterloo.

He is also a father of four children. He and his wife Sharon live with their youngest son in Hamilton.

Payton says the best part about teaching is getting involved in the excitement of the story.

"Students say that I'm an animated professor and that when I get involved, that gets them involved," he said. "It's exciting for me when I get a sense that the students are starting to catch on; that what I'm teaching will help them think about the dynamics of life."

--DR



Dr. James R. Payton Jr.

## Welcome to new staff

Redeemer College welcomed three new people to its staff recently.

**Shiao Chong** has been hired as an admissions counsellor to help prospective students explore Redeemer as a higher education option. He graduated from the University of Alberta with an MA in English Literature in 1997. He with his wife Martha and newborn child Alyssa live in Hamilton.

**Redeemer alumnus Tim Zuidema '98** joins the

Student Life department for a nine-month contract as acting Residence Life Director. He fills the position vacated by Eileen Fallon, who is acting Dean of Students during Fred Schat's nine-month leave. Tim received his BCS in English and History. He is married to Sandra (Klapwyk) Zuidema '98 and they live on campus at Redeemer.

**Elizabeth Williams** returns to the staff of Redeemer, this time as receptionist in Student Life and department assistant for the Vice-President Academic. Starting in 1983, she worked four years in the admissions/recruitment area of

the college. Elizabeth graduated from McMaster University in Hamilton in 1980 with an Honours BA in English Literature. She and her husband

Dale have four children and live in Caledonia.



Chong



Zuidema



Williams

## Faculty receive promotion/tenure

At the executive meeting of the Board of Governors on June 19, the following professors were promoted and/or granted tenure. **Dr. Jim Rooks** was granted tenure. **Dr. Henry Brouwer** was promoted to full professor and was granted confirmation of his tenure. **Ms. Angela Feichtinger** was promoted to Adjunct Lecturer in Psychology. Congratulations to these professors.

## Alumni return to teach

Five former Redeemer students are teaching courses this year at the college.

**Corina Bos '94** will be instructing a first year art course, **Tammy Dibbitts '94** is teaching Intro to Marketing, **John DeVries '90** will teach an upper year business course, **John Templeton '93** is teaching mathematics and **David Van Belle '93** returns to direct the second semester main stage production in the spring.

## Redeemer College hits *The Hamilton Spectator* thanks to many college supporters

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, a community profile appeared in *The Hamilton Spectator* highlighting Redeemer College and its new bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

The full-page ad along with four additional ads that will appear in *The Spectator* over the next few months were made possible by 12 company sponsors. Redeemer College would

like to thank the following companies for making these ads possible: Ancaster Printing, Bank of Nova Scotia, CPL Systems Canada Inc., D-Link Networks, Wm. DeJong Enterprises Inc., Digital Art and Graphics Inc., Ernst & Young, Fortress Equity Management Inc., ITML Incorpo, Guild Electric Limited, The Maple & Reinders Group, W & H Voortman Ltd.



*Personal Touch is a collection of interesting news items of Redeemer College alumni. To submit your news of interest and photo (if desired), clip out the form below and send to: Images, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON, L9K 1J4. (Photos will be returned.)*

**Dianne Boersma '86** and Gerrit Soer were united in marriage Aug. 15, 1998. Dianne teaches Grade 2 at Clinton and District Christian School. Gerrit works on the Soer family farm. Address: 86 Huron St. W., Exeter, ON, N0M 1S2, (519) 235-4546.

**Rich '92 and Margaret (Noordhof) Grift '87** welcomed Griftlet #3 into their family on Feb. 17, 98. Jesse Richard keeps sisters Janita (4) and Lydia (3) very busy. Address: 69 James Ave., Brantford, ON, N3S 6Y4, (519) 756-1661. E-mail: rgrift@bfree.on.ca.

**Barb Dunn '90** moved to Calgary after Redeemer where she stayed for six years and obtained her Social Work diploma and worked in that field. Last year, she spent 10 months enjoying Australia and is now living back in Ontario to be closer to her family. She'd love to hear from the gang! Address: 61 Highland Cres. #205, Kitchener, ON, N2M 5M7, (519) 571-0956.

**John '91 and Monique Scheerhoorn '88** rejoice in the birth of Breanne Jurriena, a little sister for Tyler (5) and Blake (3). She was born Oct. 9, 1997. John continues to be general manager of Dor-Ann Homes and was honoured with the Canadian "Salesperson of the Year" award for sales and marketing from the Canadian Home Builders' Association. Monique is happy to be at home with the children. Address: 353 Glen Ross Rd., Frankford, ON, K0K 2C0.

**Carine (Oussoren) Schuurman '91** and husband Derek rejoice in God's amazing grace with an-

other healthy child. David was born Sept. 28, 1997, a brother for John (5) and Helena (3). Mom is busy at home and loving it, while Dad is very excited to start teaching computer science part-time at Redeemer College this fall.

Address: Drayton, ON, N0G 1P0, (519) 638-5628.

**Rob Boer '92** married his soul-mate Keri McColley on May 30, 1998. Rob still works at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa as Minister of Music, while Keri is the Director of Pregnancy Counselling and Adoption Services for Lutheran Family Service. Address: 1214-1/2 2nd Ave. N., Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501 USA. E-mail: canuck@jdknet.net.

**Leticia (Chan) Young '92** and her husband, David Young, are now living in Fayetteville, North Carolina after spending a year teaching English in South Korea. They are expecting their first child in December. All Redeemerites heading to Myrtle Beach are welcome to pop in! Address: 411-H Tradewinds Dr., Fayetteville, NC, 28314, (910) 868-3468. E-mail: letday@aol.com.

**David '93 and Bonnie Visser (Steiginga) '94** are thankful to God for the safe arrival of Kyle Robert Visser, born on July 6, 1998. David is busy working at Easy Print/Essence Publishing, a printing/publishing business he co-owns with his brother and father. Bonnie is at home with Kyle

right now and does some book editing for Essence Publishing on the side.

Address: 41 Moira St. E., Belleville, ON, K8P 2S3, (613) 962-1444. E-mail: info@essence.on.ca.

**Keith and Miriam Verburg '93** have a new e-mail address: mirkei@albedo.net.

Address: 9 Burns Dr. #67, Guelph, ON, N1H 7C3, (519) 823-0539.

**Alan Meijer '95** and Charlene Van Staaldin have been married since October 1996. Alan is working as an Agricultural Research Technician for North Carolina State University. Charlene is teaching fourth grade at Terra Ceia Christian School. The Meijers welcome any Redeemer guests, so if you are in the area, give us a call! Address: 347 VanWyk Rd., Pinetown, NC, 27865 (252) 944-0023. You can e-mail Alan at: ameijer@plymouth.ces.ncsu.edu.

**Tracey (Buys) Werkema '97** and David Werkema were married on June 13, 1998 in the Owen Sound Christian Reformed Church. After honeymooning in British Columbia, the happy couple will be busy on their farm in Blyth. Address: RR#3, Blyth, ON, M0M 1H0, (519) 526-7634.

**Heather (Smith) Maat '97** married Derek Maat on Aug. 29, 1998 and are now living in Mar-

ried Student Apartments at the University of Waterloo. Derek is in his last year there and is once again playing varsity basketball for UW. After the summer off, Heather has returned to work at the Cambridge Association for the Mentally Handicapped. Address: 303-108 Seagram Dr., Waterloo, ON, N2L 3B9.

**Julie Bonany '98** is happy to announce the healthy arrival of Christopher Cameron Bonany on June 24, 1998. He weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz. Mom and Dad feel so blessed to have received Christopher as their son and consider him pure joy!

Address: 942 Bonany '98 Attersley Dr., Oshawa, ON, L1K 1V5 (905) 720-4927 and Julie's e-mail is bonany@icon.net.

**Susanne (Vanderkooy) Wood '98** married Daniel Wood on June 27, 1998. Susanne is teaching Grade 3 at Calvin Christian School in Dundas and Daniel is working in a tool and die apprenticeship in Guelph. Address: 775 Wood '98 Old Hwy. 8, Rockton, ON, L0R 1X0, (519) 647-9700.



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# "All in favour?"

Bill Pr17, an Act Respecting Redeemer Reformed Christian College



Heleen Krzycki '90

Shortly following the innocuous words "All in favour?" by provincial parliament's speaker of the house, 18 years of tenacious effort was rewarded, and Redeemer's charter was changed to allow the college to grant bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

During my first year at Redeemer, back on Beach Boulevard, the charter change seemed perpetually imminent; any day now, we'd get those BAs! As time went on, we as students heard less and less about the charter change, as disappointment followed disappointment. One of my friends, when asked about her memories of the charter change history, characterized the saga as "the mule and the carrot"—always just beyond reach.

For several years after I graduated in 1990, I was privileged to sit as the Alumni representative on Academic Council (now known as the Senate), and I realized that the efforts to change the charter were still ongoing, though less public. Every meeting, Dr. Cooper, then Vice-President, would update us on the latest, slow-moving developments.

As I sat in the gallery at Queen's Park on June 25 watching Bill Pr17 being passed, I was struck by a sense of history in the making, of witnessing the answer to heartfelt prayers. It was truly exciting to witness the culmination of years of labour by so many Redeemer supporters—although I had to admit, a small part of me kept expecting someone to leap up at the last minute and declare, "There's been a mistake! This bill can't be passed!" Thankfully, the readings progressed without incident. The whole legislative portion in fact, was kind of anti-climatic, the next-to-last bill passed by an assembly eager to break for the summer.

And what impact will the charter change have? For me personally, none. Eight years out of school, the "what" and "where" of my education has become increasingly less relevant in my career. Even if the change becomes retroactive, (a decision that will be made by Redeemer's Senate), it makes no difference in my life.

But what about those new students, or students graduating in 1999 and beyond? I'm not sure I'm qualified to

speak for them. I do know that, regardless of a BA or a BCS (the former degree called bachelor of Christian studies), very few people know of Redeemer College, and explanations will be required. It may make a difference for those continuing their education, but I think most Canadian universities already know a little of what Redeemer is and the outstanding quality of education offered there.

I think the real difference will come in the perceived legitimacy of Redeemer College. As reformed Christians, we do operate "in the world", and the ability to confer bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees validates our perspective in the eyes of the world.

Those of us who chose to attend Redeemer did so (and do so) because of a desire to learn from a Christian perspective. The charter change indicates that society as a whole recognizes the legitimacy of this choice.

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MONUMENTAL MOMENT: Students and alumni gather with Justin Cooper (fourth from left) and Toni Skarica, MPP Wentworth North, at Queen's Park after Bill Pr17 was passed. Pictured are Corina MacLean, Heleen Krzycki '90, Tim Wolfert '87, Susan Creer, Ryan McKenna and Cindy Corbett '98.



# TWO ALUMNI

## co-ed volleyball

Saturday, January 16, 1999.  
Redeemer Gymnasium  
Games start at 9 a.m.

Games to be officiated by  
carded referees.

Redeemer College alumni  
are invited to  
Register on page 16.



Entry deadline: Teams must be received by January 8. Call the Alumni Office at (905) 648-2131 x292 to register or use the registration form on page 16 inside. You may register as a team or individually.

Tournament fee is \$50 per team to help offset the cost of referees and prizes.

Format dependent on number of teams entered. Alumni "All-Star Team" may take on current varsity players at the end of the day.

# GREAT TOURNAMENTS

## men's ice hockey

### The 1998 **Royal Cup**



Catch all the high-flying action of the Royal Cup, the annual fund-raising ice hockey tournament put on by Redeemer alumni. Proceeds help fund the current Redeemer Royals hockey team.

**Boxing Day: Saturday, December 26, 1998.**  
Games start at 8 a.m. Tickets at the door.  
Firestone Arena, Ancaster